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1. With regard to exports of equipment for heavy industry the East German government faces a chaotic situation in 1954. Scarcely any demand exists from any of the Russian Satellites. Trade mission representatives state that the majority of the machines exported from East Germany to Orbit countries in the past year were simply copied there. This was possible since the production plants in East Germany had to send the blueprints with every group of machines.
2. Recently, all the factories of the machine industry complex received a confidential communication from DIA requiring a list of the persons in these industries who know English, French, Portuguese, or Italian. Such persons are to act as commercial representatives in the West after January 1954.
3. According to the Ministry of Machine Construction, the critical supply situation will lower the capacity of the metallurgical and foundry plants in 1954, if materials are not procured from the West.
4. The East German government intends to begin using the former trade-marks of the expropriated factories. A new trade-mark law is in preparation.

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